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ROME FOR FODAG FOR US DELEGATION TO IGC

SUBJECT: RECONSTITUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF
WORLD FOOD PROGRAM

REFS: (A) ROME 3712, (B) ROME 3803, (C) STATE 50917

1. IN DEALING WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RECONSTITUTION,
DELEGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE LIMITING MEMBERSHIP,
TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, AS OUTLINED PARA. 15 OF REF (B).

2. WE BELIEVE PARA. 5E OF RESOLUTION, REF (A), IN
PARTICULAR GOES BEYOND WFC RESOLUTIONS ON FOOD AID AND
FOLLOW-UP. IN ITS PRESENT FORM, PARA 5E COULD BE TAKEN
AS LICENSE FOR WFP TO EXERCISE ACTIVE OVERSIGHT FOR ALL
ASPECTS OF FOOD AID FOLLOW-UP, INCLUDING NEGOTIATION OF
NEW FOOD AID COMMITMENTS, INCREASED MULTILATERAL AND
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GRANT AID, EARMARKING OF STOCKS, ETC.--ALL OF WHICH WERE

INCORPORATED IN WFC FOOD AID RESOLUTION. LANGUAGE IN PARA 5E IS NOT, SO FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, TAKEN FROM TEXTS OF WFC RESOLUTIONS. DELEGATION SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK TO DELETETPARA 5E ON GROUNDS THATPRESENT LANGUAGE COULD INFRINGE ON RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER MULTILATERAL

ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS FAC COMMITMENTS AND ONGOING DISCUSSIONS OF FOOD RESERVES.

3. AS FALLBACK, DELEGATION MAY SEEK TO MODIFY PARA. 5E BY ADDITION OF LANGUAGE INTENDED TO LIMIT SCOPE OF WFP REVIEW TO MATTERS AFFECTING ITS OPERATIONS.

4. RECOGNIZING THAT RECONSTITUTED IGC IS UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT ROLE LESS THAN THAT RECOMMENDED FOR IT IN WFC FOLLOW-UP RESOLUTION, DELEGATION SHOULD PUT CLEARLY ON RECORD US VIEW THAT NEW COORDINATION FUNCTIONS RELATE TO EMERGENCY AND PROJECT-TYPE AID, AS OUTLINED IN US POSITION PAPER. IN US VIEW, MATTERS SUCH AS VOLUME, TERMS AND COMMODITY COMPOSITION OF PL 480 TITLE I-TYPE FOOD AID IS FOR BILATERAL DETERMINATION BETWEEN DONORS AND RECIPIENTS. US, OF COURSE, WILL BE WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ITS DISTRIBUTION OF AID UNDER TITLE I. ROBINSON

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